

FIVE MILLION SHELL ORDER GIVEN BY U. S.

COTTON GOODS CONTINUE HIGH.

Red Cross and Government Orders Leave Little for Civilians.

Cotton goods markets rule firm. Prices were named last week on wide demands for fall 1918 delivery on a basis varying from 60 to 65 per cent. above the opening prices of a year ago. Two of the largest mills have already booked as much business as they can take care of. Owing to the demands for goods for Red Cross and Government purposes the largest mills will have but half their normal output available for civilian trade.

PIG IRON IS MORE ACTIVE

Freight Cars Numbering 14,

975 Will Be Made for Pers-

ing's Road in France.

The United States Government has distributed orders for 5,000,000 six inch shells among four or five munition makers and the War Industries Board has allotted rollings of the 375,000 tons of steel needed in this manufacture. This will bring the total number of 4,500,000 six inch shells, the making of which will require 457,500 tons of steel.

In the last few days Washington authorities have been conferring with manufacturers from all parts of the country in preparation to distribute orders for 10,000,000 three inch shells, the function of which will make draft upon the steel mills for 247,500 tons of steel bars. Contracts for larger shells, eight to twelve inches in diameter, calling for 390,000 tons of steel forgings are to follow.

Contracts have also been signed for the building of 175 freight cars for equipping the United States expeditionary railroad in France, and the mills are to furnish the twelve companies that were allotted the orders with the 49,000 tons of steel required. Orders for 10,000 more cars for the same service have been distributed, but lack the official signatures.

The American International Shipbuilding Company has distributed orders for the fabrication of 125,000 tons of steel for the building of fifty boats at Key Island. Some of the steel will be put through Canadian shops. The same corporation has ordered 1,000 tons of steel for derrick towers.

Contracts have been offered to the Woodland Steel Company for seventy cargo ships of 7,500 tons capacity, but the concern is desirous of building only 6,000 ton boats.

Announcement of base prices for wire, tin, plate and sheet has been followed by the establishment of differential prices by the Iron and Steel Institute committee. Increased activity resulted from the fixing of prices for pig iron.

UNFILLED ORDERS DROP.

E. S. Steel Corporation (Figures Show Decline of \$23,502 Tons.)

A decrease of \$23,502 tons of unfilled steel orders on the books of the United States Steel Corporation, as compared with the orders on September 30, was reported yesterday. The orders on hand now totalled 9,000,675 tons, as compared with \$23,477 on September 30 and with 10,015,260 on October 31, 1916. The amount is the lowest for the current year.

A wide decline, estimated at from \$800,000 to \$900,000 tons, had been anticipated in West Street circles. Most of the guess, however, had favored a decline of \$100,000 to \$150,000 tons. The main reason for the decline was the unsettled condition of the steel trade, due to Government price fixing. Then too the corporation has not been actively in the market for steel orders, putting a full knowledge of the amount of work it would be required to turn out for the Government, according to sources.

The record of unfilled orders, by months follows:

Month	Tons
October 31	9,009,675
September 30	9,823,477
August 31	10,407,649
July 31	9,844,184
June 30	11,842,501
May 31	11,842,501
April 30	10,015,260
March 31	11,711,644

Shipments were estimated at 1,200,000 tons and new bookings at less than 400,000 tons.

STANDARD OIL ISSUES.

SILVER PRICES.

New York, London, Bid Asked.

Nov. 10	Nov. 2	Oct. 31	Sept. 30	Aug. 31	July 31	June 30	May 31	April 30	March 31
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
8.00	7.95	7.95	7.90	7.85	7.80	7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60
7.95	7.90	7.85	7.80	7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50
7.90	7.85	7.80	7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45
7.85	7.80	7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40
7.80	7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35
7.75	7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30
7.70	7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25
7.65	7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20
7.60	7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15
7.55	7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10
7.50	7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05
7.45	7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00
7.40	7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95
7.35	7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90
7.30	7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85
7.25	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80
7.20	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75
7.15	7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70
7.10	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65
7.05	7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60
7.00	6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55
6.95	6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50
6.90	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45
6.85	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40
6.80	6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35
6.75	6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30
6.70	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25
6.65	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20
6.60	6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15
6.55	6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10
6.50	6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05
6.45	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00
6.40	6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95
6.35	6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90
6.30	6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90	5.85
6.25	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90	5.85	5.80
6.20	6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90	5.85	5.80	5.75
6.15	6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90	5.85	5.80	5.75	5.70
6.10	6.05	6.00	5.95	5.90	5.85	5.80	5.75	5.70	5.65
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5.90	5.85	5.80	5.75	5.70	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45
5.85	5.80	5.75	5.70	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40
5.80	5.75	5.70	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35
5.75	5.70	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30
5.70	5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25
5.65	5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20
5.60	5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15
5.55	5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10
5.50	5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05
5.45	5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00
5.40	5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95
5.35	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95	4.90
5.30	5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95	4.90	4.85
5.25	5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95	4.90	4.85	4.80
5.20	5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95	4.90	4.85	4.80	4.75
5.15	5.10	5.05	5.00	4.95	4.90	4.85	4.80	4.75	4.